

fare your lordeshipe well. Frome Dorneford, the xx^{ti} day of August.

Youer lordships faythfully assured,
JOHAN FYTZWAREN.

In the following letter we find Dr. London still at Oxford, which seems to have been the centre of his operations.

CV.

DR. LONDON TO CROMWELL.

[From MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 227.]

In my most humble maner I have me commendyd unto your gudde lordeschippe, with my assured prayer and service duringe my lyff. I have causyd all our fower ordre of fryers to chaunge ther cotes, and have dispacchide them as well as I can till they may receyve ther capacities, for the wiche I have now agen sent uppe thys berar doctor Baskerfelde, to whom I do humblie besek your lordeschippe to stonde gudde lorde. He ys an honest man, and causyd all hys howse to surrendre the same and to chaunge ther papistical garmentes. I wrote to your lordeschippe specially for hym to have in hys capacitye an expresse licens to dwell in Oxford, altho he wer benefycyd; and your lordeschipp then wrote that yt wasse your pleasur he and all other shulde have ther capacities acording to ther desyer, and for that thys man ys now an humble sutar unto your lordeschippe. He hath be a visitar of dyvers places wiche they do call custodies, and knowith many thinges as well in London as otherwise, wiche he hath promised me to declare unto your lordeschippe, if it be your pleasur he schall so do. And a frynde of myne, the warden of the Grey Fryers in Reding,* hathe

* The priory of the Grey Friars, in Reading, was founded in 1233. The deed of surrender of this house, printed in "Coates' History of Reading," p. 303, is dated Sept. 13, 30 Hen. VIII. i. e. 1538.

also desyred me to be an humble sutar for hym and hys brothern, that they may with your lordeschips favour also chaunge ther garments with ther papisticall maner of lyvinges. The most partt of them be very agede men, and be nott of strength to go moch abrode for ther lyvinges, wherfor ther desyer ys that yt myght please your lordeschippe to be a mediator unto the kinges grace for them that they myzt during ther lyves enjoy ther chambres and orcharde, and they wolde assuredly pray unto almighty Godde long to preserve the kinges grace and your lordeshipp to hys most blessyd pleasure. Oxon, ultimo Augusti.

At Merston Mr. Johan Schorn stondith blessing a bote, whereunto they do say he conveyd the devill. He ys moch sowzt for the agow. If it be your lordeschips pleasur, I schall sett that botyd ymage in a nother place, and so do with other in other parties wher lyke seking ys.

Your most bounden oratour and servant,

JOHAN LONDON.

Richard Pollard, another of the commissioners, was occupied partly on the same ground as Dr. London. In the following letter we find him at Winchester; it is without date, but probably belongs to the earlier part of the September of this year.

CVI.

POLLARD AND OTHERS TO CRUMWELL.

[From the State Papers, vol. i. p. 621.]

Pleasith your lordship to be advertised, that this Saturdaye, in the mornyng, aboutes thre of the klok, we made an ende of the shryne here at Wynchestre. There was in it no pece of gold, ne oon ring, or true stone, but al greate counterfaictes. Nevertheles we thinke the sylver alone thereof woll amounte nere to twoo thousande markes. We have also receyved into our possession the crosse of emeraudes, the crosse called Hierusalem, an other